

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TOKYO 01920 120908Z

16

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03

NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-04 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20

USIA-15 SAM-01 OMB-01 IO-14 DRC-01 /109 W

----- 000202

R 120835Z FEB 74

FM AMEMBASSY TOKYO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9925

INFO CINCPAC HONOLULU HI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TOKYO 1920

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, JA

SUBJ: KOMEITO BACKS AWAY FROM UPPER HOUSE ELECTION COOPERATION

REF: TOKYO A-23

SUMMARY: KOMEITO SHOWED BASIC INCLINATION OVER WEEKEND TO BACK OUT OF PROPOSED COOPERATION WITH JSP IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION THIS SUMMER, AS CENTRAL COMMITTEE VOTED FEBRUARY 8 NOT TO OPEN SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WITH JSP ON THAT SUBJECT. END SUMMARY.

1. FOLLOWING ABOVE VOTE, COMMITTEE MEMBER KIYOSHI ONO INFORMED PRESS THAT VOTE REJECTING JSP PROPOSAL TO HOLD SECOND ROUND OF CONSULTATIONS WAS MOTIVATED BY LATTER'S BETRAYAL OF HIS PARTY'S TRUST. ONO SAID SPECIFICALLY THAT JSP HAS NOT HONORED FIVE SEPARATE PROMISES MADE BY JSP CHAIRMAN TOMOMI NARITA TO KOMEITO CHAIRMAN YOSHIKATSU TAKEIRI SINCE DECEMBER TO MAKE EFFORT TO AGREE ON JOINT KOMEITO-JSP CANDIDATE TO OPPOSE BID FOR REELECTION TO SEVENTH TERM AS GOVERNOR OF KYOTO BY INCUMBENT TORAZO NINAGAWA. JSP LEADERS, INSTEAD, APPEAR TO BE LEANING IN FAVOR OF NINAGAWA, WHO ALREADY ASSURED OF JCP SUPPORT.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TOKYO 01920 120908Z

2. NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, SEC GEN JUNYA YANO BLURRED FOCUS OF VOTE BY INFORMING PRESS THAT KOMEITO WOULD ONLY QTE POSTPONE UNQTE FURTHER ELECTION COOPERATION TALKS WITH JSP. NEVERTHELESS, YANO ALSO SAID THAT MANY KOMEITO OFFICIALS WELCOMED ABOVE DECISION.

3. OBSERVERS ALSO NOTE JSP SKITTISHNESS ABOUT ELECTION COOPERATION, BASED ON CONTINUING CONCERN THAT MANY JSP VOTES MIGHT BE CAST FOR KOMEITO CANDIDATES RUNNING IN UPPER HOUSE LOCAL CONSTITUENCIES, SHOULD ATTEMPT AT COOPERATION FALLTHROUGH AT LAST MINUTE.

4. COMMENT: LATEST KOMEITO DECISION CASTS SHARP DOUBTS ON ULTIMATE FEASIBILITY OF OPPOSITION PARTY COOPERATION TO DEPRIVE LDP OF MAJORITY IN COMING UPPER HOUSE ELECTIONS. INABILITY OF KOMEITO TO WORK OUT COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH JSP WOULD ALSO SEEM TO RULE OUT ANY HOPE FOR QTE BRIDGE CONCEPT UNQTE, UNDER WHICH KOMEITO AND JCP WOULD SET ASIDE THEIR CONFRONTATION TO EXTENT THAT EACH WOULD COOPERATE SEPARATELY WITH JSP FOR COMMON PURPOSE OF DEFEATING LDP. END COMMENT.
SHOESMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS, UPPER HOUSE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 12 FEB 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: morefirh
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974TOKYO01920
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: TOKYO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740237/aaaabjdh.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: TOKYO A-23
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: morefirh
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 30 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <30 JUL 2002 by kelleyw0>; APPROVED <30 JUL 2002 by morefirh>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KOMEITO BACKS AWAY FROM UPPER HOUSE ELECTION COOPERATION
TAGS: PINT, JA
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005